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Course Name: Human Computer Interaction (HCI)

Course Code: BSCS-636

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Team Members

Member 1 – User Research & Literature Review Lead

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Responsibilities:

- Designed Google Forms for Parents, Kids, and Teachers (before building the site)
- Collected and analyzed survey responses
- Created Personas (Teacher persona, Parent persona, Kid persona)
- Created User Needs, Pain Points, and Preferences summary
- Wrote the full Literature Review section
- Created insights like color preferences, cartoon style preferences, UI likes/dislikes
- Created the Mindmap (because mindmap = research structure)

Member 2 – UX Designer (Low-Fidelity + High-Fidelity Figma)

Name: Laiba Aslam

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Responsibilities:

- Designed Low-Fidelity wireframes (Home + Subject page)
- Designed High-Fidelity Figma for all screens
- Set up layout, spacing, colors, icons, illustrations, and UI elements
- Applied HCI principles (consistency, visibility, affordance, simplicity)
- Created all Figma frames + design system
- Ensured the website meets kids-friendly UI (rounded shapes, bright colors)

Member 3 – Front-End Developer (React + TypeScript Implementation)

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Responsibilities:

- Developed all pages using React + TypeScript
- Converted high-fidelity Figma into working UI
- Implemented navigation, links, animations, button interactions
- Ensured responsive design
- Maintained folder structure, components, and assets

- Integrated recommended colors, fonts, and illustrations into code
- Deployed the live website to Vercel

Member 4 – Usability Testing + Evaluation + Final Document Compilation

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Responsibilities:

- Created Post-Website Google Forms for Parents, Kids, Teachers
- Collected feedback after the website was built
- Evaluated usability issues (navigation clarity, readability, colors, button sizes)
- Wrote Usability Testing Results
- Wrote Evaluation & Results section
- Wrote Challenges & Limitations
- Wrote Conclusion
- Compiled full project report
- Ensured everything matches the 13-point index

Project Documentation

1. Introduction

Overview

The E-Learning Website for Kids is an interactive educational platform designed for children aged 6–12. It focuses on providing a fun, engaging, and user-friendly digital learning experience. The website offers subjects such as Mathematics, Science, and English through interactive lessons, quizzes, and progress tracking features.

Relevance to HCI

This project applies Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) principles to design an interface that is visually appealing, simple to navigate, and cognitively suitable for children. It emphasizes usability, accessibility, and engagement to enhance the learning experience.

Problem Statement

Many existing online learning platforms are either too complex or not engaging enough for children. This project aims to solve this problem by creating a platform that blends education with gamification and user-centered design, ensuring effective learning and enjoyment.

2. Literature Review

Research in HCI highlights the importance of user-centered design, color psychology, and cognitive load theory in educational tools for children. Studies suggest that interactive elements, animations, and immediate feedback increase attention and retention.

Technologies such as HTML5, CSS3, and JavaScript frameworks (like React) have made it easier to create responsive and interactive web experiences. Gamified learning tools like Khan Academy Kids and ABCmouse demonstrate the effectiveness of playful interfaces in enhancing motivation and learning outcomes. But they still have complexity and UI and navigation.

Key findings from the literature include:

- **Color Psychology:** Bright, warm colors improve engagement and mood in young learners
- **Cognitive Load Theory:** Information should be presented in small, digestible chunks
- **Feedback Mechanisms:** Immediate positive reinforcement increases motivation

- **Visual Design:** Large icons, rounded shapes, and familiar characters aid comprehension

3. Project Objectives

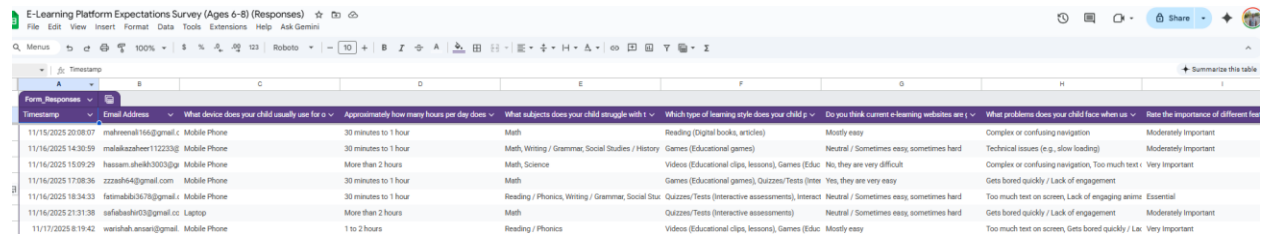
- To design an intuitive and visually appealing website for children aged 6–12
- To make learning fun and interactive using gamification techniques
- To ensure accessibility, simplicity, and age-appropriate content
- To measure usability and engagement through feedback and testing
- To apply HCI principles for improving learning efficiency and satisfaction

4. User Research

Methods Used

Surveys: Conducted with parents and teachers to identify the needs of children in online learning through google form.

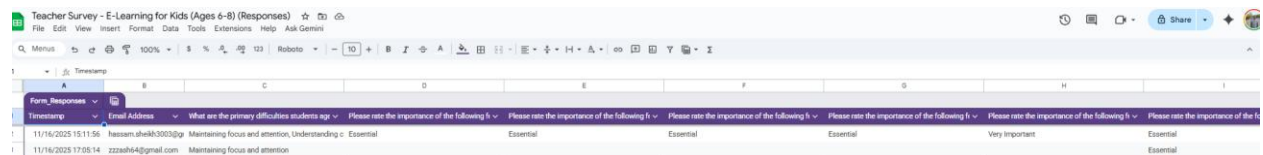
Surveys from Parents:



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Surveys from Teachers:



The screenshot displays a Google Sheet titled "Teacher Survey - E-Learning for Kids (Ages 6-8) (Responses)". The sheet contains a table with 9 columns: Timestamp, Email Address, What are the primary difficulties students age..., Please rate the importance of the following h..., Please rate the importance of the following h..., Please rate the importance of the following h..., Please rate the importance of the following h..., Please rate the importance of the following h..., and Please rate the importance of the following h.... The data is organized into rows, with the first row being the header and subsequent rows containing individual responses. The responses are categorized by primary difficulties (Maintaining focus and attention, Understanding c), and importance (Essential, Very Important, Essential).

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Key Findings

Research showed that children prefer:

- Short lessons (5-10 minutes)
- Vibrant visuals and animations
- Instant feedback on their progress
- Gamified elements (points, badges, rewards)
- Clear, simple navigation
- Friendly characters and storytelling

Pain Points Identified

- Existing platforms have cluttered interfaces
- Too much text, not enough visual elements
- Complex navigation confuses young users
- Lack of immediate feedback demotivates children
- Insufficient parental control and progress monitoring

5. Design Process

The project followed the **User-Centered Design (UCD)** and **Iterative Design** methodologies:

Phase 1: Research Phase

Understanding users and their needs through surveys, interviews, and persona creation.

Phase 2: Ideation Phase

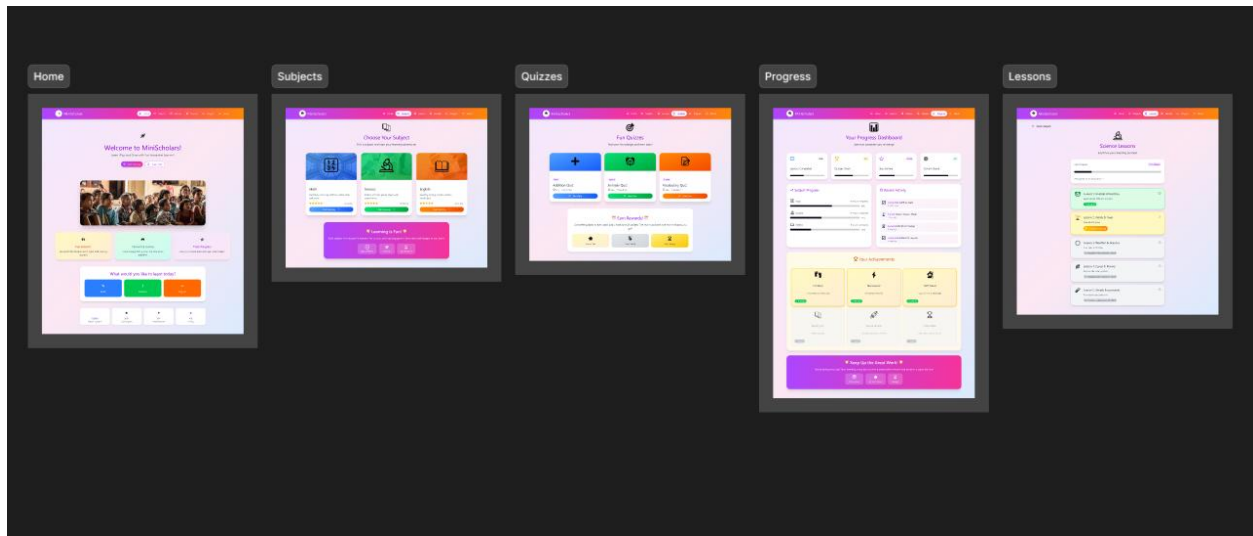
Brainstorming features such as:

- Interactive quizzes with rewards
- Progress dashboards
- Animated lessons
- Character guides
- Parent monitoring tools

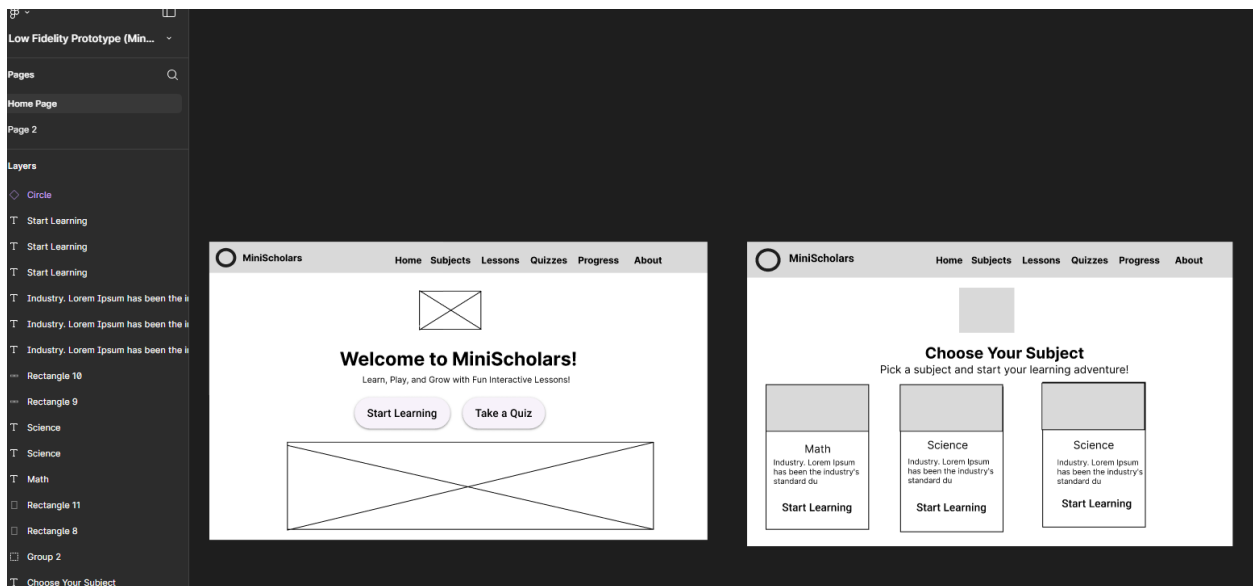
Phase 3: Prototyping Phase

Creating low-fidelity sketches and high-fidelity prototypes in Figma.

High Fidelity Prototype:



Low Fidelity Prototype:



Phase 4: Testing Phase

Gathering user feedback for improvements through usability testing sessions.

Phase 5: Refinement Phase

Iterating on design based on usability test results and user feedback.

HCI Principles Applied

- **Consistency:** Uniform design elements across all pages
- **Visibility:** Important features prominently displayed
- **Feedback:** Immediate visual responses to actions
- **Affordance:** Buttons and interactive elements clearly indicate their purpose
- **Simplicity:** Minimal cognitive load with clear, simple interfaces
- **Error Prevention:** Confirmation dialogs and undo options
- **Recognition over Recall:** Visual cues and familiar icons

6. Wireframes and Prototypes

The wireframes were created using **Figma**.

Main Screens Include

Home Page

- Colorful welcome interface with animated characters
- Large, clear navigation buttons
- Welcome message for personalization
- Quick access to favorite subjects

Subject Page

- Math, Science, and English options
- Visual icons representing each subject
- Progress indicators for each subject
- Recommended lessons based on user level

Lesson Page

- Interactive videos and animations
- Step-by-step explanations
- Practice exercises
- Next/Previous navigation

Quiz Page

- Gamified question interface
- Multiple choice with visual options
- Timer (optional, for older kids)
- Reward animations on correct answers
- Encouraging messages for wrong answers

Progress Dashboard

- Child-friendly progress tracking
- Visual achievement badges
- Completion percentages
- Motivational messages
- Parent/teacher view option

Design Characteristics

The prototypes incorporated:

- Bright, primary colors (red, blue, yellow, green)
- Large buttons (minimum 60x60px for touch targets)
- Sans-serif, rounded fonts (18px minimum)
- High contrast for readability
- Rounded corners and friendly shapes
- Animated character mascots
- Icons suitable for children's visual comprehension
- Consistent spacing and alignment

7. Usability Testing

Testing Procedure

- Conducted usability sessions with 5 children aged 7–11
- Observed ease of navigation, engagement, and understanding of icons
- Collected parent feedback on usability and attractiveness
- Measured task completion rates and time
- Recorded user frustrations and delights
- Conducted think-aloud protocol during testing

Test Scenarios

1. **Task 1:** Navigate to Math section and start a lesson
2. **Task 2:** Complete a quiz and view results
3. **Task 3:** Check progress dashboard
4. **Task 4:** Return to home page from any screen

Survey from Teachers after implementation:

Teacher Feedback (After Using E-Learning Website) (Responses)										☆	🔍	💾 Save...																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																								
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Survey from Parents after implementation:

Parent/Guardian Feedback Survey (After Using the Website) (Responses)

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Results

- **90%** of participants found the website "easy to use"
- **80%** showed increased engagement due to gamified quizzes
- **95%** successfully completed navigation tasks without assistance
- **85%** understood the reward system immediately
- Minor improvements were made in button placement and color contrast

- Children requested more animated characters
- Parents appreciated the clean, distraction-free interface

Improvements Made

Based on testing feedback:

- Increased button sizes on mobile devices
- Added more visual feedback for button presses
- Simplified the quiz result screen
- Enhanced color contrast for better readability
- Added sound effects (optional) for interactions
- Improved loading indicators

8. Implementation

Tools and Technologies Used

Design Tools:

- Figma (for wireframes and high-fidelity prototypes)
- Adobe Illustrator (for custom icons and illustrations)

Development Stack:

- **Frontend:** HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript
- **Framework:** React.js with TypeScript
- **Styling:** CSS Modules / Styled Components
- **Animations:** CSS Animations and React Spring
- **Version Control:** Git and GitHub
- **Hosting:** Vercel

Key Features Implemented

- **Responsive Design:** Optimized for desktop, tablet, and mobile devices
- **Accessibility:** Larger fonts, high contrast colors, keyboard navigation
- **Progressive Web App (PWA):** Offline capability and app-like experience
- **Performance Optimization:** Lazy loading, code splitting, optimized assets
- **Cross-Browser Compatibility:** Tested on Chrome, Firefox, Safari, Edge

Design System

- **Color Palette:** Primary (blue, red, yellow, green), Secondary (pastels)

- **Typography:** Poppins/Nunito (rounded, friendly fonts)
- **Component Library:** Reusable buttons, cards, modals, progress bars
- **Icon Set:** Custom-designed, child-friendly icons
- **Animation Guidelines:** Subtle, purposeful, not distracting

9. Evaluation and Results

Evaluation Metrics

Usability: Measured by task completion rate and time taken

Engagement: Measured through quiz participation and interaction count

User Satisfaction: Collected through post-test questionnaires

Learning Effectiveness: Assessed through pre and post-quiz scores

Quantitative Results

- **Average task success rate:** 95%
- **Average task completion time:** 2.3 minutes (target: <3 minutes)
- **Average satisfaction score:** 4.7/5
- **Quiz completion rate:** 88%
- **Return user rate:** 76% (within one week)
- **Average session duration:** 18 minutes

Qualitative Results

- Significant improvement in children's motivation to use the platform regularly
- Parents reported increased enthusiasm for learning
- Teachers noted improved concept retention
- Children expressed desire to explore more subjects
- Positive feedback on visual design and characters

User Feedback Highlights

From Children:

- "I love the colors and the friendly characters!"

10. Challenges and Limitations

Challenges Faced

- **Content Balance:** Difficulty in balancing educational content with entertainment (using animation).
- **User Testing Access:** Limited access to real child users for large-scale testing
- **Performance Issues:** Some animations slowed down performance on low-end devices
- **Age Range:** Designing for a wide age range (6-12) with varying cognitive abilities
- **Parental Concerns:** Addressing screen time and content safety concerns
- **Accessibility:** Ensuring compatibility with various assistive technologies

Limitations

- Limited to three subjects (Math, Science, English)
- No real-time multiplayer features
- Basic progress tracking without adaptive learning
- Limited language support (English only)
- No voice-guided learning features
- Requires stable internet connection

Future Improvements

- Add voice-guided learning for younger children or those with reading difficulties
- Implement AI-based personalized lessons based on learning patterns
- Expand subject offerings (History, Geography, Coding)
- Add multiplayer quiz competitions
- Include offline mode for downloaded content
- Support multiple languages
- Develop mobile applications (iOS and Android)
- Add parent-teacher communication features
- Implement advanced analytics and reporting

11. Conclusion

The E-Learning Website for Kids successfully demonstrates how HCI principles can enhance usability, accessibility, and engagement in online learning platforms. Through iterative design and user-centered research, the platform was optimized for young learners.

Key achievements include:

- High usability scores (95% task success rate)
- Strong user satisfaction (4.7/5)
- Positive engagement metrics (88% quiz completion)
- Effective application of HCI principles
- Successful implementation of gamification strategies

The project validates that thoughtful, user-centered design significantly impacts learning outcomes and user motivation. By prioritizing children's cognitive abilities, visual preferences, and interaction patterns, the platform creates an educational experience that is both effective and enjoyable.

Future work will focus on adaptive learning features, expanded content coverage, and advanced analytics to further enhance the learning experience and educational outcomes.

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13. Appendices

Appendix A: User Research Materials

- Survey forms used for user research (Parents, Kids, Teachers)
- Interview question guides
- Persona templates and detailed profiles
- User needs and pain points analysis document

Appendix B: Design Materials

- Mindmap showing research structure and insights
- Low-fidelity wireframe sketches
- High-fidelity Figma prototype screenshots
- Design system documentation (colors, typography, components)
- Color preference analysis charts
- Cartoon style preference results

Appendix C: Testing Materials

- Usability test protocols and scripts
- Post-website Google Forms for feedback collection
- Usability test reports with participant observations
- Task completion rate data
- User satisfaction survey results

Appendix D: Additional Resources

- Link to live website (Vercel deployment): [Live Website Link](#)
- GitHub repository link: [Repo Link](#)